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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

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This Restriction/Election response is being filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 3 October, 2006, to which a response was due on or before 3 November, 2006.

Election of Species

1.00 *The Examiner holds that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:*

Actuator 1: gear drive

Actuator 2: screw drive

Actuator 3: belt drive

Switch Member 1: double pole double throw

Switch Member 2: momentary on/off/on momentary

Switch Mounting 1: on vehicle frame

Switch Mounting 2: on handle bar

The species are independent or distinct because they had different configurations that would require different searches.

1.10 The Examiner holds Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1 and 2 are generic. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicant must elect an Actuator, a Switch Member, and a Switch Mounting.

1.20 Applicant's agent herein elects to prosecute the **Species:** Actuator 1: gear drive. Applicant's agent herein also elects to prosecute the **Species:** Switch Member 2: momentary on/off/on momentary. Applicant's agent herein also elects to prosecute the **Species:** Switch Mounting 2: on handle bar. Applicant's agent holds that the claims 1-3, 7, 9-11, 13, 15, 16, and 18 read on **Species:** Actuator 1: gear drive, **Species:** Switch Member 2: momentary on/off/on momentary and **Species** Switch Mounting 2: on handle bar.

1.30 Applicant's agent makes the election without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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